

Spartina pectinata

Prairie Cordgrass



Gracefully arching leaves turn a bright yellow in early fall. Flowerstalks reach to eight or nine feet in August, each with hundreds of tiny purple blooms. Spreads aggressively. A good choice for stabilizing pond edges, streamsides and other moist soils.

Suggested Companions: mountain mint (*Pycnanthem virginianum*), blazing star (*liatris spicata*), joe pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*)

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Plant Type: Grass/Grasslike

Size: 3-6' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Shrubby Wetland

Soil: Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet
Average Garden Soil

Exposure: sun
 filtered

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting